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GATHERING

Prelude

“Liebster Jesu, Wir Sind Hier”

Bach

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the God of manna,
the God of miracles,
the God of mercy.

Amen.

Drawn to Christ and seeking God’s abundance,
let us confess our sin.

God, our provider,

help us.

It is hard to believe there is enough to share.

**We question your ways when they differ from the
ways**

of the world in which we live.

**We turn to our own understanding
rather than trusting in you.**

We take offense at your teachings and your ways.

Turn us again to you.

Where else can we turn?

**Share with us the words of eternal life
and feed us for life in the world.**

Amen.

Beloved people of God:
in Jesus, the manna from heaven,
you are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, the worker of miracles,
there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, † the bread of life,
you are shown God’s mercy:

you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

Amen.

Entrance Hymn

#523 *“Let Us Go Now to the Banquet”*

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ ,
The love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with
you all. **Amen.**

Kyrie

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Glory to God

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Prayer of the Day

Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your
children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth.
Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of
heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus
Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

THE WORD

Readings and Psalm

[2 Kings 4:42-44](#)

[Psalm 145:10-18](#)

[Ephesians 3:14-21](#)

Gospel Acclamation

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The Holy Gospel

*Response after the announcement: **Glory to you, O Lord.***

[John 6:1-21](#)

*Response after the conclusion: **Praise to you, O Christ.***

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Hymn of the Day:

#515 "Break Now the Bread of Life"

Apostle's Creed

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Prayers of the Church

Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

We pray for the church. Bless the ministries of our neighboring congregations (*especially*). Empower churches throughout the world and encourage missionaries who accompany global neighbors. Kindle in us a spirit of collaboration, that all people may know your loving works. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for creation. Send rain to lands experiencing drought and come to the aid of those enduring sweltering heat. Nurture wheat and barley crops grown for the nourishment of your people and conserve aquatic habitats and fish populations. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for those who govern. Cast out arrogance, selfishness, and corruption and instruct those who lead to practice compassion and humility. Inspire them with a vision of the common good and a commitment to ensure that all who hunger are fed. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for those bowed down by heavy burdens: those who are unemployed or underemployed, those unable to find affordable housing, and those without health insurance. Console those who grieve and hear the cries of those who call

to you for healing (*especially*). Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for this assembly. Deepen our resolve to use what we have to serve those in need. When we worry that we do not have enough resources for ministry, assure us of your abundance. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We give thanks for those who have died. As you sustained them through all their days, so dwell in our hearts, that we may have the power to comprehend, with (*the apostle James, name/s, and*) all the saints, the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Offertory Prayer

Jesus, Bread of life,
you have set this table with your very self,
and called us to the feast of plenty.

Gather what has been sown among us,
and strengthen us in this meal.

Make us to be what we receive here,
your body for the life of the world.

Amen.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Great Thanksgiving

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Holy, Holy, Holy

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Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father,
who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever.
Amen.**

Lamb of God

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SENDING

Post Communion Prayer

Jesus, Bread of life,
we have received from your table
more than we could ever ask.
As you have nourished us in this meal,
now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.
In your name we pray.
Amen.

Announcements

Blessing

Life is short,
And we do not have much time
to gladden the hearts of those who
make the journey with us.
So... be swift to love,
and make haste to be kind.
And the blessing of the triune God,
who made us,
who loves us,
and who travels with us
be with you now and forever.

Sending Hymn

*#535 "Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises" (NOTE FOR
CONGREGATION-NO Repeats)*

Dismissal

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

"Hallelujah! Pelo Tso Rona"

arr. Sedio/Helge

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Ushers TBA
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